

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1-26 (deleted without prejudice).

27 (currently amended). A method for treating or preventing inflammatory hepatitis ~~comprising~~ consisting essentially of administering to an animal a therapeutically effective amount of an inhibitor of uridine phosphorylase.

28-57 (deleted without prejudice).

58 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inhibitor of uridine phosphorylase is selected from the group consisting of 5-benzyl barbiturate, 5-benzyloxybenzyl barbiturate, 5-benzyloxybenzyl-1-[(1-hydroxy-2-ethoxy)methyl] barbiturate, 5-benzyloxybenzylacetyl-1-[(1-hydroxy-2-ethoxy)methyl] barbiturate, 5-methoxybenzylacetylacyclobarbiturate, 2,2'-anhydro-5-ethyluridine, 5-ethyl-2-deoxyuridine, benzylacyclouridine, benzyloxybenzylacyclouridine, aminomethylbenzylacyclouridine, aminomethylbenzyloxybenzyl-acyclouridine, hydroxymethylbenzylacyclouridine and hydroxymethyl-benzyloxybenzylacyclouridine.

59 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is at least partly due to viral infection.

60 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to auto-immune processes.

61 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to alcohol consumption.

62 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to choline deficiency.

63 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to Reye's syndrome.

64 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to tumor necrosis factor.

65 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to parasitic infection.

66 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to total parenteral nutrition.

67 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to lead poisoning.

68 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to partial hepatectomy.

69 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to an inhalation anesthetic.

70 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to bile duct obstruction.

71 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to intra-hepatic cholestasis.

72 (new). A method as in claim 27, wherein said inflammatory hepatitis is due at least partly to liver transplantation.